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TAGS: ETRD, MTN, IT, FR

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS OF ITALIAN FOOTWEAR

REF: USDOC 14911

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS GOF APPLIED "STATISTICAL VISA" PROCEDURES TO SHOE IMPORTS FROM ITALY BEGINNING IN JUNE 1976. ANCI (ITALIAN SHOE MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION) REGARDED THESE PROCEDURES AS AN INSTRUMENT TO DELAY BUREAUCRATICALLY (FRENCH IMPORTER REQUIRED TO OBTAIN "VISA" FROM FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) AND THEREBY LIMIT SHOE IMPORTS FROM ITALY. FRENCH CLAIMED THESE IMPORTS HAD INCREASED BY 130 PERCENT IN FIRST HALF OF 1976; ITALIANS ADMITTED TO AN INCREASE OF 60 PERCENT.

2. ANCI REPORTEDLY DID ENTER INTO A "GENTLEMANS AGREEMENT" IN JULY 1976 (REACHED THROUGH CLOSE CONTACTS WITH FRENCH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION) UNDER WHICH GOF WOULD EXPEDITE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURES BY ADVANCE PRESENTATION OF PROFORMA

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INVOICES FOR ALL SHOE IMPORTS FROM ITALY IN 1976 UP TO 1975 LEVEL PLUS 10 PERCENT. THIS AGREEMENT EXPIRED ALONG WITH REVOCATION OF STATISTICAL VISA PROCEDURES ON DECEMBER 15, 1976.

3. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED PRESS ACCOUNTS IN REGARD TO STATISTICAL VISA, BUT DENIED ANY OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.

ANY INFORMATION ON THAT SUBJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM
ANCI.

4. IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES FURTHER DETAILS FROM ANCI
PLEASE ADVISE.HOLMES

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